



Department of French & Italian

Annual Awards Ceremony

Friday, April 16, 2021

3:00 pm
Via Zoom

Welcome from the Chair

Prof. Oana Panaïté

Gamma Kappa Alpha Italian Honor Society

Prof. Colleen Ryan

Alexander Buchanan (Senior: Neuroscience)

Veronica Coffey (Junior: Italian, Int'l Studies, East Asian Studies)

Stephanie Masini (Junior: Psychology)

Anne Noble (Sophomore: Italian, Psychology)

Yetlanetzi Reyna (Junior: Journalism)

Frankie Siracusano (Senior: Italian, Psychology)

Sydney Way (Senior: Operations Management)

Charlotte F. Gerrard Memorial Prize

Prof. Brett Bowles

Mary Kate Shearer (Senior: Ballet)

This award honors the memory of Charlotte F. Gerrard, who was a lecturer and professor of French in the Department from 1965 to 2000. She earned her PhD from the University of Pittsburgh in 1966 and was a specialist of 20th century French theatre. In addition to her research and teaching on theatre, she acted in plays as a young student and then directed several readings of French plays during her time at IU. She is remembered for her love of teaching and her lasting friendships with former students throughout the world.

Olga Ragusa Graduate Award

Prof. Andrea Ciccarelli

Vincenzo Dimaggio (PhD student: Italian)

Dr. Olga Ragusa was Lorenzo Da Ponte Professor of Italian and Comparative literature at Columbia University, and was one of the most important scholars of modern Italian culture and literature of the late 20th and early 21st centuries. The author of many books and articles whose topics range from the 1700s to the present, she published on Goldoni, Alfieri, Manzoni, Verga, Pirandello, Gadda, Prezzolini, and Pasolini, among others. In 2004, Professor Ragusa gave a generous donation to the Italian program at IUB, which she values for its quality and productivity. This award is for graduate students in Italian who have demonstrated a remarkable scholarly ability in their courses as well as in their degree examinations.

Grace P. Young Undergraduate Awards

Andrew Brown

(Senior: French, Geography)

Prof. Margaret Gray

Daniel Creech

(Senior: French, International Studies)

Prof. Nicolas Valazza

Grace P. Young, whose great-grandfather David H. Maxwell was one of the founders of Indiana University, served as an Instructor of French from 1917-1923; and as Professor from 1923 until her retirement in 1956. She collaborated with her husband Bert Young on the publication in 1947 of *Le Registre de la Grange, 7215-1685*, an account of the theatrical activities of Molière's troupe. It was through a bequest of copies of the *Registre* that the Grace P. Young Fund was established in 1970.

Edoardo A. Lèbano Memorial Award

Frankie Siracusano (Senior: Italian, Psychology)

Prof. Akash Kumar

Professor Edoardo Lèbano, a native of Italy who earned his PhD at the Catholic University of America, was professor of Italian in the Department from 1971 to 2000 and passed away in late November, 2020. Through the years, he served in a variety of capacities: as assistant and interim chair, co-founder and director of the Center for Italian Studies, director of Italian language instruction, director of undergraduate studies, and resident director of the IU programs in Bologna and Florence. We are pleased to honor his legacy with this inaugural award.

Lander MacClintock Memorial Awards

Evie Munier (PhD candidate: French/Francophone Studies)

Erin Stigers (PhD student: French Linguistics)

Dr. Kelly Kasper-Cushman



Lander MacClintock was a professor of both French and Italian in the Department from 1920 to his retirement in 1960. He received BA, MA, and PhD degrees from the University of Chicago, and his scholarly works and editions include *The Age of Pirandello* (1951), *Sainte-Beuve's Critical Theory and Practice*, and *The Contemporary Drama of Italy*. He was a life-long devotee of the arts and music, from his early days of touring with the San Carlos Opera Company to his organization of a special exhibit in conjunction with the Orchestre National de France performing on campus in 1948. The MacClintock award is given in alternate years to a student of French and of Italian.

John K. Hyde Award

Katherine Tilghman (Senior: Spanish)

Prof. Jeff Lamontagne

John Kenneth Hyde received his PhD in French from Indiana University in 1965. He taught at Oberlin College 1962-67 until returning to IU as professor of French from 1967 until his death in 1983. He was particularly interested in teaching French and Québécois civilization and culture, and also spent time developing the Department's business French class during the later years of his career. He served as faculty advisor for the French House and as Director of Graduate Studies. The John K. Hyde award was first given in 1985.

Eneria Ruggeri Graduate Award

Giorgio Losi (PhD candidate: Italian)

Prof. Massimo Scalabrini

Eneria Ruggeri (Rome, 1922-1989), was a passionate and refined connoisseur of Italian literature, art and cinema, with a specific interest in drama and poetry. She volunteered as a nurse during WWII and, together with her family, she helped hide Italian citizens of Jewish origin from the Nazis. During the liberation of Rome, she worked with the pro-Allies Resistance movement. This award is for students who have demonstrated a superior ability in their Italian classes as well as a clear passion for the study of Italian language and culture.

Albert and Agnes Kuersteiner Memorial Prize

John Hines Prof. Jeff Lamontagne
(Junior: Economic Consulting, Public Policy Analysis)
Murray McCormack Prof. Alison Calhoun
(Junior: Ballet)

This award was established in 1980 by IU alumnae Ruth Kuersteiner Fink and Elsa Kuersteiner Martin in memory of their parents, Agnes Duncan Kuersteiner (IU class of 1907) and Dr. Albert Kuersteiner, who was Professor of French here from 1898 until his death in 1917. The award consists of French books selected by the Department and the student.

Quentin M. Hope Memorial Award Prof. Eric MacPhail
Ashton Murray (Senior: Human-Centered Computing)

Quentin M. Hope was professor of French in the Department of French and Italian from 1956 to 1988, serving as chair from 1965 to 1977. His life-long passion was 17th-century French literature, in particular the writing of Charles de Saint-Evremond, and his PhD thesis at Columbia University explored the work of this French soldier and essayist. He went on to publish two monographs on Evremond as well as many articles on the freethinking *libertins*.

Eneria Ruggeri Undergraduate Award Dr. Karolina Serafin
Isabella Castillo (Senior: Italian and International Studies)

Associate Instructor Awards

French: Dr. Kelly Kasper-Cushman
Elke Defever (PhD student: French/Francophone Studies)
Chase Tiffany (PhD student: French Linguistics)
Italian: Dr. Karolina Serafin
Vincenzo Dimaggio (PhD student: Italian)

Graduate Student Service Awards Prof. Oana Panaïté

These awards were created in 2020 to recognize graduate

students in our Department who go the extra mile in assisting with our programs, representing their fellow students at the departmental and university levels, organizing events, and/or serving as mentors to other graduate students.

This year, the recipient(s) will be announced only at the ceremony.

Carol Ann Brush Hofstadter Memorial Scholarship Prof. Massimo Scalabrini
Michael Kase (Senior: Italian, Enviro & Sustainability Studies)
Payton Romans (Sophomore: Italian, Journalism)

Carol Brush studied Italian and art history at Indiana University and in 1977 spent a summer in Bologna, Italy, through an IU exchange program. She adored Italy -- its people, its culture, and its language -- and in 1993, she and her husband Doug chose to spend Doug's sabbatical year in Trento with their two young children, Danny and Monica. After just three months there, Carol died very unexpectedly. Despite the tragedy, Doug and the children remained in Trento for the rest of the sabbatical year, and as a consequence Danny and Monica became fluent in Italian -- a gift from their mother. In the wake of Carol's death, her family and friends created a scholarship in her memory, so that more students could discover Bologna and learn to love it as she did.

Trustees Teaching Awards Prof. Oana Panaïté

The TTA is funded by the Board of Trustees and is awarded to the 6% of tenured and tenure-track faculty members at IU-Bloomington who are deemed the best teachers in a given year. The Department keeps the recipient(s) a secret until the ceremony.

Peter Cannings Memorial Prize Prof. Laurent Dekydtspotter
Erin Stigers (PhD candidate: French linguistics)

A British citizen, Peter Cannings studied French and linguistics at the School of Economics and Political Science of the University of



London and then received a Maîtrise and Doctorat de troisième cycle at the Université de Provence in Aix-en-Provence. He joined the faculty of the Department in 1974 where he distinguished himself as an enthusiastic and creative teacher and a highly talented scholar in theoretical linguistics. He helped found the journal *Studies in French Linguistics* but did not live to see its first issue published in 5³1². His life was cut short at the age of 27 by a car accident after less than four years at IU, in October 1977. His family helped establish this award in his memory.

Grace P. Young Graduate Awards

- Claire Fouchereaux** Prof. Margaret Gray
(PhD student: French/Francophone Studies)
- Elke Defever** Prof. Alison Calhoun
(PhD student: French/Francophone Studies)
- Scott Evans** Prof. Kevin Rottet
(PhD candidate: French Linguistics)

Congratulations to all award winners!



The Department would like to thank our donors, in particular those whose gifts fund our awards and fellowships. Special thanks go to:

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Attention graduating seniors!
We are putting together a commencement video featuring our BA graduates and advisors this spring. Look for the email from Isabel Piedmont-Smith to find out how you can participate.



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